

# GATEWAY TO sports

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## Barry Rust Reviews Sports

Varsity Guest Weekend, an opportunity to see the campus. If you are a visitor, don't kid yourself.

Amongst other things, this institution has been known to emphasize work as a requisite for student's continued existence. Contrary to some campuses we could mention, it goes for athletes as well.

But there is some measure of glory connected with Alberta and athletics has its share.

If you are a prospective student destined to spend the next several years of your life at U of A, I envy you. My friend, yours could well be the opportunity to view intercollegiate sports in Canada at a hitherto unforeseen level of greatness. What is even more important, you will see it in midst of preparing to break into bigger and better things on the national scene. And, Alberta teams will provide you with some of the best competition.

In 1960 the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union was organized to govern college sport, Dominion-wide. Last year they sponsored the first annual national championships in a series of sports, including basketball and hockey.

As these sports grow in stature, and you can bet you bottom dollar they will, the spotlight will fall more and more on university athletics. It is long overdue.

Already, Canada's colleges provide the best basketball most centers can offer. As Father David Bauer's Olympic squad revealed, this country may well lean to the colleges for players in international competition. Junior football is dying a natural death leaving colleges the sole source from which pro teams can draw material.

The colleges will not falter under the obligation, in fact they will grow, as they have begun already. If the past is any indication, Alberta will shoulder its share of the load.

1963 did not include a football national final. U of A refused to be hampered by such a technicality.

The Golden Bears romped over all opposition in the Western Intercollegiate Athletic Association this year. Alberta students under promotions director, Bob Lampard, brought the best the East had to offer, Queen's Golden Gaels, to Edmonton and created the Golden Bowl. Gaels were supposed to be one of Canada's best all time college teams. Few gave Bears any hope of making a contest out of it.

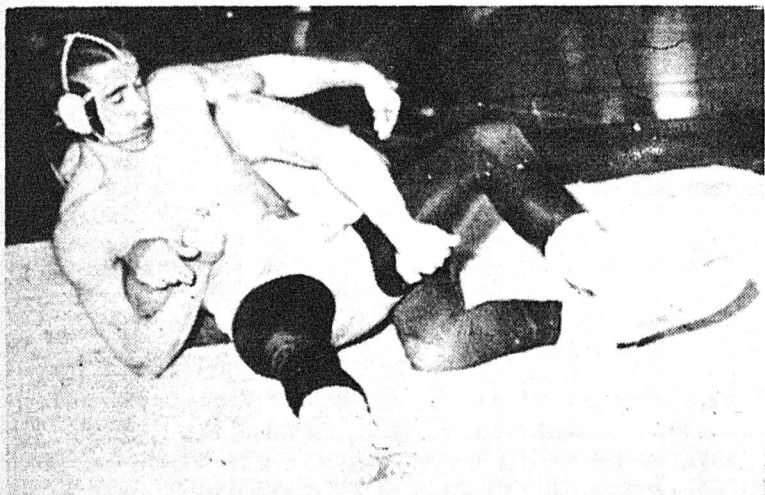
Except the Bears, that is. They whopped Queen's 25-7. That single event will revolutionize Canadian College football. Future national finalists will be able to thank the Bears for making such things possible.

March could well see another event of Golden Bowl significance for U of A. Clare Drake's hockey Bears currently lead the WCIAA and must rate as odds on favorites to cop the crown and continue to the second annual National Collegiate Hockey Championships at Kingston.

Besides leading the league, Golden Bears offer a few other achievements in support of their bid to be college champions. Bears are currently tied with crosstown Edmonton Oil Kings, reigning Memorial Cup titleholders, in a best of five exhibition series, each team having won and tied a game. Two weeks ago the Golden Ones held United States champions, University of Denver, to a 4-4 tie. Denver had previously beaten defending Canadian champs, McMaster University, and tied Canadian Olympics.

This weekend a national finalist may be on the basketball court. Unfortunately it will not be the Golden Bears, but rather the Saskatchewan Huskies currently tied for the WCIAA lead with British Columbia. Bears, long doormats in the league, started to rebuild again this year and have safely made it to third place in the five team loop. New coach Jim Munro has insisted he can beat this club on the home court. I wouldn't bet on it but the Golden Ones have just enough speed and drive to make it a good possibility. In any event if you are interested in the type of competition dished up in the WCIAA, a trip to Varsity gym tonight would provide a few answers.

You may not have heard a great deal about the Golden Bears or any other team in the WCIAA or Canada. But mark my words, you will.

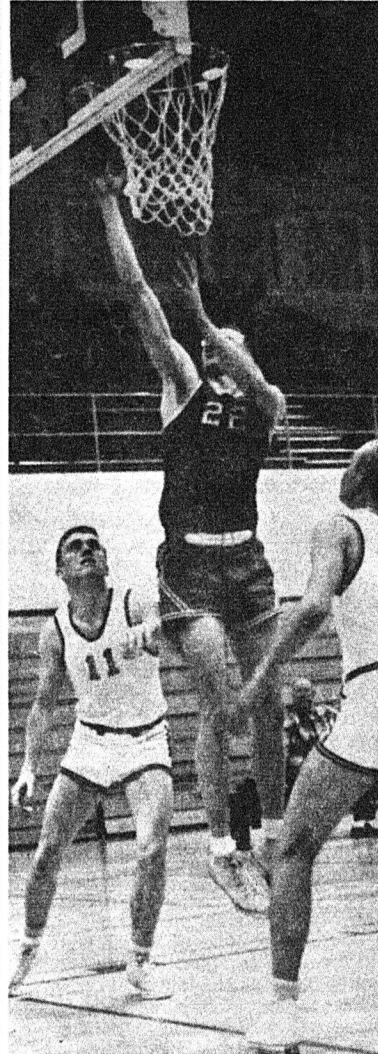


"ROLL OVER WILL YA"—Matmen match strength in oldest of sports. Alberta hosts WCIAA championships Saturday.

## Last League Game This Weekend: Bears Bounce Against Sled Pullers

By Dave McLaughlin

The University of Alberta Golden Bear basketballers take to the court this weekend in a two game battle against the league leading University of Saskatchewan Huskies.



**TWO MORE — 6'5" Doug Krenz adds to Bear total against UAC Dinosaurs. Krenz goes tonight at Varsity Gym, battling U of S Huskies.**

## U of A Hosts Moan-Mangle Meet In PEB

The University of Alberta will be hosting the WCIAA Wrestling Championships during Varsity Guest Weekend.

The first round of 12 bouts will start at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21 in West Gym, PEB. The second and final round of 24 bouts will be held in the Main Gym PEB, starting at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22.

The U of A Golden Bears, are holders of both trophies, which were won last year at the championships held in Vancouver. These trophies include the Dr. D. S. Rawson Trophy, awarded to the winning team, and the Walter J. Beaumont Trophy, awarded to the wrestler who gives the best display of wrestling during the competition.

This year the members of the Golden Bear wrestling team are Denny Christianson (130 pound weight class), Eric Shelton (137), Clarence Kachman (147), Al Machinski (157), Vic Messier (167), Larry Speers (177), Bruce Switzer (191), and Larry Bird (heavy weight). The 123 pound weight class is to be defaulted.

The games will be played Friday and Saturday nights at 8:30 p.m. in Varsity Gym.

Bears have turned in a better performance this season than in recent years but have only managed to capture third place in the five team league. The visiting Saskatchewan Huskies are tied for first place with UBC Thunderbirds.

### CAN WIN AT HOME

So far this year, Bears have played both the top teams twice and have failed to come up with the combination needed to beat them. During the last Saskatchewan-Alberta tilt, the Green and Gold came close to a win and coach Jim Munro commented, "We can beat them in Edmonton."

The Golden cagers have proven more effective against the other two teams in the league, having dropped one out of four to each of Manitoba and U of A (Calgary).

This weekend's battle has great significance for Saskatchewan as they must win to maintain their tie for top spot. For the Bears it is a matter of pride that their last home game not be a defeat and most certainly not a defeat by Saskatchewan, their greatest rival for many years.

Saskatchewan will bring into Varsity Gym a much taller club than the Bears, sporting such stars as Orville Fisher (7'0"), Gary Goebel (6'8"), Robin Fry (6'6"), and Cam Gjosund (6'5"). Alberta's tallest men are Nestor Korchinsky and Krenz, both tickling the yardstick at 6'5". Even with this disadvantage, Bears showed in their last encounter they could out rebound the sled dogs.

Bears this year have relied on a running game and alternation between a man-to-man and zone defence and it is reasonable to expect that they will not change their tactics for this encounter.

### BEARS WANT TO WIN

No matter what the results of this weekend you can lay down money that the Golden Bears will not let Huskies forget that they are out to win.

### THE PLAYMAKERS

The season has seen many great thrills and many great players who were capable of bringing the crowd to its feet at any given instant. Fans will long remember the brilliant play of guards Gary Smith, Darwin Semotiuk, and Fred Shandro along with the various antics of forwards Doug Krenz, John Hennessey, Jim Fisher, Doug Hayes and Nestor Korchinsky. We will remember the 1964 Bears by:

The time Shandro scored, putting Bears out in front of Northern Montana College Lights 73-72 with 14 seconds left in the game.

The time Krenz scored with seconds left to save the game against Calgary. Dinosaurs had drawn to within two points, but Doug's basket put the win out of range.

The time Shandro scored in the final seconds against Manitoba to bring Bears from behind and force an overtime period. In the overtime Shandro tied it up again with four seconds remaining. Bisons scored again and the game was over.

The time Bears beat (we hope) Saskatchewan Huskies two straight in their last appearance at home for the year.

At any rate, this weekend promises to be a great climax to a season in which we have seen many improvements, lots of excitement, and a few disappointments.

### SPORTS THIS WEEKEND

#### Friday

6:30—Preliminary basketball game. Varsity Gym.

8:30—Basketball U of A vs U of S. Varsity Gym.

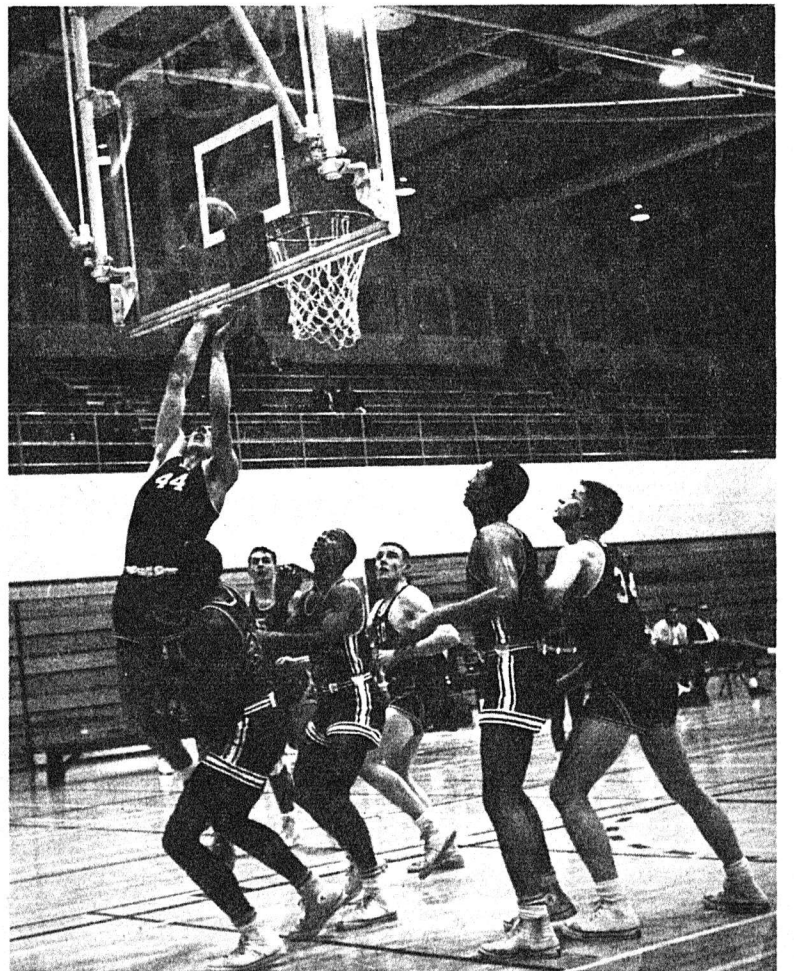
#### Saturday

11:00—Wrestling. Varsity Gym.

11:00—Handball and squash. Handball courts, PEB.

11:00—Swimming. Varsity Pool.

3:00—Wrestling. Varsity Gym



**OUT OF MY WAY**—Nestor Korchinsky goes up in a game with Harlem Stars. 6'4" Bear centerman will be attempting feats of the same against University of Saskatchewan Huskies tonight and tomorrow at Varsity Gym.